

BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	October 19, 2016
BOARD MEETING	November 1, 2016
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to execute an agreement with the Sheraton Gateway Hotel LAX for facility usage and catering for the African American Mental Health Conference: “Empowering Black Families and Communities through Resiliency, Restoration and Reconnection”.
PROGRAM	2017 African American Mental Health Conference
DEADLINES	Effective upon Board approval.
COST & FUNDING	The African American Mental Health Conference will be held on February 17, 2017. The estimated cost of the agreement with the Sheraton Gateway Hotel LAX is \$70,000 for facility usage and catering services. The estimated cost is funded with State MHSA revenue included in the FY 2016-17 DMH Final Adopted Budget. The State MHSA funding for this conference may be offset by registration fees paid by County employees and non-County participants, vendors, and donations. The final cost and revenue offsets will be determined by the actual number of participants. There is no net County cost.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to host and conduct the African American Mental Health Conference: “Empowering Black Families and Communities through Resiliency, Restoration and Reconnection”, which is to be held on February 9, 2017, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel LAX. Through a host of workshops, presented by experts in the mental health field, this conference is intended to benefit the mental health community through training opportunities to providers and consumers while promoting prevention and early intervention of mental illness for African American consumers in Los Angeles County.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	The DMH African American Mental Health Conferences were designed to provide strategies for recovery from mental illness but tailored to African American consumers and their families. Information presented at these conferences is critical to the provision of culturally competent services to African American consumers and their families throughout the County. Up until 2008, this conference was presented annually for six years with approximately 1,100 attendees per year, which included 500 County employees, 400 non-County participants, and 200 mental health consumers. After a five-year hiatus and in response to a resurgence in the demand for this conference by various stakeholders, this conference was held again in FY 2015-16. The conference outcome in FY 2015-16 was as successful as the previously held conferences, drawing over 700 attendees. All conferences held are open to persons of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. In addition, mental health staff and the parents and family members of consumers also attend which supports their role in recovery from mental illness.
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